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- During 1953 no reservists were called up in Kromidovo (N 41-28, E 23-22). Sandanski Okoliya. In 1952 [redacted] reserve officers [redacted] in Kapatovo (N 41-28, E 23-22) were called up for three months training.

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Economic Information

- During the winter of 1952-1953, the "Pirinska Bistritsa" water syndicate of Sandanski (formerly Sveti Vrach) undertook the building of irrigation canals in the area of the villages of Chursovo (N 41-28, E 23-23), Marikostenovo (N 41-26, E 23-21), Kromidovo, and Vranja (N 41-27, E 23-24). These canals varied in depth from two to seven meters, according to the terrain, and were 1.2 meters wide at the bottom and four meters wide at the top. The details of the water network are not known [redacted]. The building of these canals is still in progress.
- Approximately 50 meters west of Vranja, where the canal cuts the Chursovo-Vranja road, the canal is four meters deep and a bridge has been built for the road, over the canal. An elliptical pipe 2.5 meters wide and 1.6 meters high carries the water under the bridge. The bridge is of reinforced concrete and is 7-8 meters wide,

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allowing two trucks to pass on it. Another similar bridge was constructed on the same road, where the canal again cuts it, approximately one kilometer east of Chursovo. Where the canal cuts local inter-village roads, no bridges have been built, but it is believed that bridges will be constructed here during the coming winter. Such roads are the Chursovo-Kromidovo and the Kromidovo-Marikostenovo roads.

Political Information

5. [redacted] an amnesty was declared during the spring of 1953.<sup>1</sup> For those sentenced up to five years, the unserved portion was pardoned. For those with sentences from five to 10 years, their sentences were cut in half. It is not known if this applies to criminal, political, or other cases. It is known, however, that three men from Levunovo (N 41-29, E 23-18), three men from Karnalovo (N 41-28, E 23-13), and Kiril Mitsev Tasev [redacted] from Laskarevo (N 41-32, E 23-20), were released. All were detained in the Belene Concentration Camp. Tasev had been there for two years without being sentenced. 25X1
6. [redacted] this amnesty might be local or given to special cases, as such an amnesty would cause lively interest and talk throughout the country; however, this was not the case. 25X1

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